

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Title: A TOOL, A SEALING DEVICE, A SYSTEM AND A METHOD FOR CLOSING A WOUND

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior substantive examination of this application, it is respectfully requested that the following changes be implemented.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please replace claims 4 and 8 with the new versions shown on the following sheets. Please also add new claim 11.

*In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(ii), marked-up version(s) of the amended claim(s) are provided on separate sheet(s) at the end of this response under the heading of Marked-up Versions of Amended Claims.

4. (Once amended) The tool (101; 102) according to claim 1, **characterized in that** said tool comprises
an outer feeding means (33; 133) for pushing the proximal plug member (3), said outer feeding means being provided with an axial through bore;
an inner feeding means (34; 134) for pushing the distal plug member (2), said inner